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Amendment to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A process for producing a polymetaphenylene isophthalamide

porous hollow fiber which comprises extruding a film-forming solution comprising 12 to 35

wt.% polymetaphenylene isophthalamide, 4 to 10 wt.% polyvinylpyrrolidone, 4 to 10 wt.% of an

inorganic salt and a balance of an aprotic polar solvent through a concentric double annular

spinning nozzle, while keeping the film-forming solution at 70°C or higher, thereby conducting

dry-and-wet spinning, followed by a moisture retention treatment.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Previously presented): A process of producing a polymetaphenylene isophthalamide

porous hollow fiber membrane according to Claim 1, wherein the polyvinylpyrrolidone has an

average molecular weight of 20,000 to 100,000.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): A process of producing a polymetaphenylene isophthalamide

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porous hollow fiber membrane according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic salt is calcium

chloride or a mixture of calcium chloride and lithium chloride.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): A process of producing a polymetaphenylene isophthalamide

porous hollow fiber membrane according to Claim 1, wherein the resulting porous hollow fiber

membrane obtained by the dry-and-wet spinning is subjected to heat treatment in water at 80°C

or higher before the moisture retention treatment.

Claim 6 (Original): A process of producing a polymetaphenylene isophthalamide porous hollow

fiber membrane according to Claim 5, wherein the heat treatment is carried out in water at 80°C

to 121°C.

Claim 7-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Previously presented): A process of producing a polymetaphenylene isophthalamide

porous hollow fiber membrane according to Claim 1, wherein the polyvinylpyrrolidone has an

average molecular weight of 20,000 to 100,000.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): A process of producing a polymetaphenylene isophthalamide

porous hollow fiber membrane according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic salt is calcium

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Claim 13-16 (Canceled)